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SUBJECT: ANOTHER SUNDAY, ANOTHER STORM: PREPARATIONS FOR TROPICAL

STORM DANNY

REF: HALIFAX 53

- 11. Tropical Storm Danny is projected to make landfall in Halifax's consular district early in the morning of August 30, almost exactly a week to the day after -- and likely on a similar track to -- Hurricane Bill. Although Danny is currently expected to be less powerful than Bill, our advice to personnel and the public remains the same as in reftel: shelter at home during the storm and prepare for a possible loss of power of up to 48 hours. People living on or near water are advised to move to higher ground.
- 12. Other preparations for Bill noted in reftel have been or will be taken shortly for Danny.
- 13. Hurricane Bill did little damage and caused no loss of life in the district, although there were some close calls where individuals failed to heed warnings to stay away from the ocean and were knocked in the water by strong waves. We expect public safety employees to be even more vigorous this weekend in enforcing beach and road closures to prevent crowds from gathering at potentially dangerous vantage points. Public awareness of, and preparations for, the storm are high, as is the response capability of emergency management organizations in the consular district.

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